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SUBJ: ASEAN AND PRG

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOMIN MALIK APRIL 4, HE TOLD ME THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN JAKARTA MAY 7-9. I SAID I HAD HEARD SPECULATION THAT AN INVITATION MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO THE PRG, AS WELL AS DRV AND GVN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. I OBSERVED THAT USG BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT ANY SUCH EFFORT TO ACCORD STATUS OR RECOGNITION TO PRG IN ASEAN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS COULD UPSET THE DELICATE BALANCE THAT NOW EXISTS IN VIETNAM, AND WOULD ONLY HINDER SETTLEMENT WE HOPE CAN BE ACHIEVED THERE. I SAID SUCH GESTURE FROM ASEAN WOULD OLY APPEAR TO FURTHER WORLD-WIDE PRG EFFORTS AT RECOGNITION AS GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORD PARIS AGREEMENT.

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2. MALIK SAID GOI, AS HOST TO ASEAN CONFERENCE, MAY ISSUE INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS, BUT IT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHOM TO INVITE. HE REMARKED, " IF THE SITUATION IS GOOD IN VIETNAM, WE WILL INVITE ALL THREE TO ATTEND; BUT IF IT IS NOT GOOD, WE WILL NOT INVITE ANY OF THEM." WHEN I ASKED HOW HE INTERPRETED THE HANOI ATTACK ON ASEAN (TEXT OF WHICH WE HAD GIVEN FOREIGN MINISTRY), HE REMARKED, "THAT'S WHAT I MEAN; RIGHT NOW THE SITUATION IS NOT GOOD." IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, INDONESIA WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH ITS ASEAN PARTNERS BEFORE INVITING ANY OUTSIDERS, AND HE PROMISED TO CALL ME IF A DECISION IS MADE TO INVITE THE PRG.
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